

JS 44 (Rev. 12/07, NJ 5/08)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

BLANCA CABALLERO

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address)

Craig Thor Kimmel, Esquire
Kimmel & Silverman, P.C.
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Ambler, PA 19002
(215) 540-8888

DEFENDANTS

NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known) _____

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
15 U.S.C SECTION 1692

Brief description of cause:
Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S)**

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____

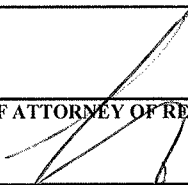
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Explanation: _____

DATE

2/7/12

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: 83166 SE Causey Ave., Apt. C2, Happy Valley, OR 97086

Address of Defendant: 507 Prudential Rd., Horsham PA 19044

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: _____
(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?

(Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a))

Yes ☐ No ☒

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes ☐ No ☒

3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes ☐ No ☒

4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?

Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL: (Place ☒ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. Federal Question Cases:

1. ☐ Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ FELA
3. ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management Relations

7. ☐ Civil Rights

8. ☐ Habeas Corpus

9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases

10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases

11. ☒ All other Federal Question Cases 15U.S.C. § 1692
(Please specify)

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. ☐ Insurance Contract and Other Contracts

2. ☐ Airplane Personal Injury

3. ☐ Assault, Defamation

4. ☐ Marine Personal Injury

5. ☐ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury

6. ☐ Other Personal Injury (Please specify)

7. ☐ Products Liability

8. ☐ Products Liability — Asbestos

9. ☐ All other Diversity Cases

(Please specify)

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check Appropriate Category)

I, Craig Thor Kimmel, counsel of record do hereby certify:

☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs;

☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 2/7/12

Attorney-at-Law

57100

Attorney I.D.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 2/7/12

Attorney-at-Law

57100

Attorney I.D.#

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Blanca Caballero : CIVIL ACTION
v. :
NW Financial Systems, Inc. : NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ☒ ()
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. ()

<u>2/7/12</u> Date	<u>Craig Thor Kimmel</u> Attorney-at-law	<u>Blanca Caballero</u> Attorney for
<u>215 540 8888</u> Telephone	<u>877-788-2864</u> FAX Number	<u>kimmel@creditlaw.com</u> E-Mail Address

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PARTIES

5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Crescent City, California 95531.

6. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).

7. Also, Plaintiff is a person granted a cause of action under the FDCPA. See 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a) and Wenrich v. Cole, 2000 U.S. Dist LEXIS 18687 (E.D. Pa. Dec. 22, 2000).

8. Defendant is a national debt collection company with its corporate headquarters located at 507 Prudential Road, Horsham, Pennsylvania 19044.

9. Defendant is a “debt collector” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and repeatedly contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect a debt.

10. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

11. At all pertinent times hereto, Defendant was hired to collect a consumer debt and attempted to collect that debt from Plaintiff.

12. Upon information and belief, the debt arose out of transactions that were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

13. Plaintiff never incurred any debts in connection with a business or commercial activities and, therefore, the debt, if truly an obligation owed by her, could have only arisen from a financial obligation for primarily personal, family, or household purposes.

14. The debt Defendant was seeking to collect is a consumer debt.

15. Defendant collects, and attempts to collect, debts incurred, or alleged to have been incurred, for personal, family, or household purposes on behalf of creditors using the U.S. Mail, telephone and/or internet.

1 16. Beginning in December 2011, and continuing through January 2012, Defendant
2 continuously and repeatedly contacted Plaintiff on her cellular telephone seeking and demanding
3 payment of an alleged debt.

4 17. Defendant contacted Plaintiff on her cellular telephone, on average, one (1) to
5 three (3) times a day during the relevant period, leaving her pre-recorded voicemail messages.

6 18. In its pre-recorded voicemail messages, Defendant instructed Plaintiff to call
7 them back.

8 19. On numerous occasions, Plaintiff received calls from the following telephone
9 number: (888) 289-0907, which the undersigned has confirmed is a telephone number belonging
10 to Defendant.

11 20. In other instances when Defendant contacted Plaintiff, it blocked its phone
12 number so that “unknown” appeared on Plaintiff’s caller ID, in an effort to trick Plaintiff as to
13 its identity and to answer the phone.

14 21. Also, Defendant contacted Plaintiff at times when it was inconvenient for her to
15 receive debt collection calls when it called her on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day (a
16 federal holiday).

17 22. Specifically, Defendant contacted Plaintiff on December 31, 2011 at 9:35 a.m.,
18 12:16 p.m., and 2:06 p.m., and on January 1, 2012, at 8:47 a.m., 10:35 a.m., and 5:41 p.m.

19 23. Defendant intended to harass Plaintiff when it called her “emergency cellular
20 telephone,” as Plaintiff uses her cellular telephone solely to make long distance calls and to
21 receive telephone calls from her family members and close friends.

22 24. Plaintiff does not provide her cellular phone number to businesses or to
23 individuals that are not members of her family or close friends, as she does not want to receive
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1 solicitations or random telephone calls.

2 25. Plaintiff is eighty (80) years old, and Defendant's constant and repetitive
3 collection calls were harassing, annoying and disturbing.

4 26. Finally, within five (5) days of its initial contact with Plaintiff, Defendant failed
5 to send Plaintiff any written notification informing her of her rights to dispute the debt and/or
6 request verification of the alleged debt.

7 27. As a result, Plaintiff was unaware of the amount of the debt, the name of the
8 creditor, and her rights to dispute the debt and/or request verification of the debt.

9 28. Upon information and belief, Defendant contacted Plaintiff on a repetitive and
10 continuous basis with the intent of harassing Plaintiff into paying this debt.
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12 CONSTRUCTION OF LAW

13 29. The FDCPA is a strict liability statute. Taylor v. Perrin, Landry, deLaunay &
14 Durand, 103 F.3d 1232 (5th Cir. 1997). "Because the Act imposes strict liability, a consumer
15 need not show intentional conduct by the debt collector to be entitled to damages." Russell v.
16 Equifax A.R.S., 74 F. 3d 30 (2d Cir. 1996); see also Gearing v. Check Brokerage Corp., 233
17 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2000) (holding unintentional misrepresentation of debt collector's legal status
18 violated FDCPA); Clomon v. Jackson, 988 F. 2d 1314 (2d Cir. 1993).

19 30. The FDCPA is a remedial statute, and therefore must be construed liberally in
20 favor of the debtor. Sprinkle v. SB&C Ltd., 472 F. Supp. 2d 1235 (W.D. Wash. 2006). The
21 remedial nature of the FDCPA requires that courts interpret it liberally. Clark v. Capital Credit
22 & Collection Services, Inc., 460 F. 3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2006). "Because the FDCPA, like the
23 Truth in Lending Act (TILA) 15 U.S.C §1601 *et seq.*, is a remedial statute, it should be
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1 construed liberally in favor of the consumer.” Johnson v. Riddle, 305 F. 3d 1107 (10th Cir.
2 2002).

3 31. The FDCPA is to be interpreted in accordance with the “least sophisticated”
4 consumer standard. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168 (11th Cir. 1985); Graziano
5 v. Harrison, 950 F. 2d 107 (3rd Cir. 1991); Swanson v. Southern Oregon Credit Service, Inc.,
6 869 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1988). The FDCPA was not “made for the protection of experts, but for
7 the public - that vast multitude which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous,
8 and the fact that a false statement may be obviously false to those who are trained and
9 experienced does not change its character, nor take away its power to deceive others less
10 experienced.” Id. The least sophisticated consumer standard serves a dual purpose in that it
11 ensures protection of all consumers, even naive and trusting, against deceptive collection
12 practices, and protects collectors against liability for bizarre or idiosyncratic interpretations of
13 collection notices. Clomon, 988 F. 2d at 1318.

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15 **COUNT I**
16 **DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE**
17 **FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

18 32. In its actions to collect a debt, Defendant violated the FDCPA in one or more of
19 the following ways:

- 20 a. Defendant violated the FDCPA generally;
- 21 b. Defendant violated §1692c(a)(1) of the FDCPA when it communicated with
22 Plaintiff at an unusual time or place or a time or place known or which should
23 be known to be inconvenient to Plaintiff;
- 24 c. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA when it harassed, oppressed or
25 abused Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt;

- d. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA when it caused Plaintiff's phone to ring repeatedly or continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass Plaintiff;
- e. Defendant violated §1692e of the FDCPA when it used false, deceptive or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of a debt;
- f. Defendant violated §1692f of the FDCPA when it used unfair and unconscionable means in connection with the collection of a debt; and
- g. Defendant violation §1692g of the FDCPA by failing to send Plaintiff written notification within five (5) days of its initial communication with him informing him of the amount of the debt, the name of the creditor, and of his rights to dispute the debt and/or request verification of the debt.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, BLANCA CABALLERO, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

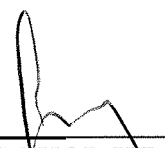
- a. All actual damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- b. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for the violation of the FDCPA pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A);
- c. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1693k(a)(3); and
- d. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, BLANCA CABALLERO, demands a jury trial in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Date: 2/7/12

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